

What is claimed is:

1. An antifungal composition comprising at least one alkyl ester of lactic acid wherein the alkyl group of said alkyl ester has 1 to 12 carbon atoms.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl ester of lactic acid is methyl lactate.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl ester of lactic acid is butyl lactate.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl ester of lactic acid is propyl lactate.
5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl ester of lactic acid is ethyl lactate.
6. The composition of claim 2 wherein the concentration of methyl lactate is between about 2% and about 50% by volume.
7. The composition of claim 3 wherein the concentration of butyl lactate is between about 2% and about 50% by volume.
8. The composition of claim 4 wherein the concentration of propyl lactate is between about 2% and about 50% by volume.
9. The composition of claim 5 wherein the concentration of ethyl lactate is between about 2% and about 50% by volume.
10. The composition of claim 1 further comprising a composition selected from the group comprising water, perfumes, odorants, surfactants, disinfectants, detergents, or a combination thereof.

11. The composition of claim 2 further comprising a composition selected from the group comprising water, perfumes, odorants, surfactants, disinfectants, detergents, or a combination thereof.
12. The composition of claim 3 further comprising a composition selected from the group comprising water, perfumes, odorants, surfactants, disinfectants, detergents, or a combination thereof.
13. The composition of claim 4 further comprising a composition selected from the group comprising water, perfumes, odorants, surfactants, disinfectants, detergents, or a combination thereof.
14. The composition of claim 5 further comprising a composition selected from the group comprising water, perfumes, odorants, surfactants, disinfectants, detergents, or a combination thereof.
15. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 1 to the substrate.
16. The method of claim 15 wherein said substrate is selected from the group comprising a foodstuff, an agricultural product, a human or an animal, or a surface which may contact a foodstuff, an agricultural product, a human or an animal.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said composition is applied to said substrate through a process selected from the group comprising dipping the substrate in said composition, spraying said composition on said substrate or wiping said composition on said substrate.
18. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 2 to the substrate.
19. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 3 to the substrate.
20. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 4 to the substrate.
21. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the antifungal composition of claim 5 to the substrate.
22. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 6 to the substrate.
23. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 7 to the substrate.

24. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 8 to the substrate.
25. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 9 to the substrate.
26. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 10 to the substrate.
27. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 11 to the substrate.
28. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 12 to the substrate.
29. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 13 to the substrate.
30. A method of reducing the fungal count on a substrate comprising applying the composition of claim 14 to the substrate.